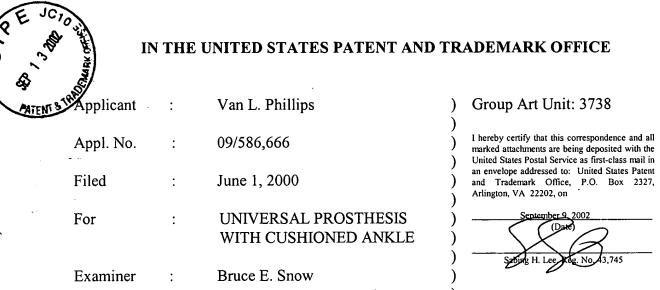
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RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks in connection with the above-identified patent application.

COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2002. Claims 1-2, 4-8 and 11-47 are pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-2, 4-8 and 11-47 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(a,b) as being anticipated by Footnotes, Flex-Foot Brochure (Summer 1999) and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by K2 Sensation[™], Flex-Foot Brochure (June 1, 1999).